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# PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1986-87 -																
May		37.7	11,457	11,097	46,777	43,320	479	474	499	479	29.3	27.3	173	193	May 30	15,548
June	24,608	37.2	11,844	11,037	49,007	42,944	533	514	469	469	25.3	24.0	198	203	June 27	15,783
1987-88 -																
July		46.3	12,567	10,827	56,709	45,358	552	512	505	477	31.1	25.5	193	173	July 25	14,413
August		47.2	12,075	11,116	52,306	45,685	547	525	485	478	28.4	25.4	187	179	August 22	14,206
September	26,629	40.4	11,228	11,210	49,379	45,451	562	541	509	487	29.4	26.1	209	175	September 19	10,675
October		40.4	11,346	11,469	45,493	44,555	524	513	556	503	29.8	26.6	225	184	October 17	15,350
November		40.6	10,870	11,552	39,857	43,346	479	496	525	504	29.8	27.2	201	176	November 14	15,434
December	26,225	30.6	11,021	11,670	37,958	44,252	445	453	532	525	25.1	27.3	190	185	December 12	15,247
January		29.7	11,510	12,354	35,567	44,345	406	414	362	530	16.9	23.2	84	177	January 9	4,267
February		41.4	11,493	12,268	37,696	43,440	475	510	509	507	25.2	25.9	184	185	February 6	12,940
March	24,283	44.9	11,436	11,491	42,214	44,379	589	584	545	519	31.3	27.3	197	183	March 5	13,209
April		35.5	11,723	12,544	38,592	42,695	495	529	499	514	24.0	28.0	168	200	April 2	14,876
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11,771	11,442	46,948	43,422	484	474	537	521	28.5	25.6	213	238	April 30	12,605
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	11,986	11,073	45,610	44,303	533	529	586	584	28.3	26.1	228	221	May 28	14,863
1988-89 -																
July		n.y.a.	12,634	11,033	54,780	44,128	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	556	532	26.0	22.9	217	207	June 30	n.y.a.

(a) Cross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (BMR). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: BMR. (c) Available for use through mains, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

## PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre cloth '000 sq m		Price index manufacturing division(a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Meat '000 tonnes		Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of raw wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87 -															
May	3,695	3,114	923	915	15,356	14,529	469.8	202	205	328	564	40,899	74.7		
June	3,341	3,078	915	951	16,334	14,176	471.7	191	196	303	550	34,034	79.6	144,664	144,823
1987-88 -															
July	4,419	3,522	921	870	15,826	13,866	474.1	209	194	349	505	61,117	81.6		
August	3,739	3,361	911	951	16,509	15,169	478.3	186	198	486	491	97,670	81.9		
September	3,628	3,285	1,107	1,013	14,659	13,479	480.8	203	189	649	497	127,858	80.4	146,170	145,994
October	4,061	3,515	1,008	899	14,491	12,685	483.0	234	222	797	511	122,358	78.0		
November	3,387	3,434	966	871	14,312	13,382	486.8	214	216	552	507	104,412	77.7		
December	2,582	3,371	775	929	13,063	15,470	489.6	198	209	696	517	90,737	77.0	147,246	147,373
January	781	2,818	448	769	13,673	12,454	494.3	181	211	604	513	37,755	80.7		
February	3,324	3,298	1,084	885	15,279	14,096	498.4	215	219	471	532	58,638	79.1		
March	3,465	3,078	1,089	868	15,394	13,619	501.3	235	209	390	508	60,137	79.1	148,607	48,498
April	3,324	3,358	772	840	13,159	13,723	504.2	182	191	321	497	40,871	79.9		
May	3,305	3,016	833	817	14,792	14,153	507.0	187	182	302	519	38,798	84.2		
June	3,439	3,076	861	857	16,171	14,025	507.8	185	178	286	519	34,985	86.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
1988-89 -															
July	3,866	3,169	915	944	15,662	14,328	n.y.a.	165	169	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a "net division" basis and relates to concepts to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairies Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629/0.

# FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments — current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.  Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b.  Seas. adj.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
1986-87 — May June	3,151 3,372	2,906 3,270	8,717	7,680	243 243	158.3	-164 -208	-893 -874	16,787 17,594
1987-88 — July August September October November December January February March April May June	2,931 3,160 3,081 3,306 3,350 3,842 3,503 3,639 3,596 3,588 3,453 3,453	3,472 2,968 3,398 3,302 3,518 3,594 2,926 3,589 3,748 3,096 3,655 3,323	8,516	7,553	245 247 252 253 258 264 268 272 278 280 p283 p282	158.2	-782 -288 -643 -497 -336 30 332 -149 -378 254 -406 -121	-1,344 -865 -1,243 -1,335 -869 -681 -509 -909 -1,218 -560 -1,350 -934	18,512 19,315 19,557 19,858 17,607 17,430 17,169 16,869 17,331 18,564 19,457 20,182
1988-89 — July	3,011	3,639			n.y.a.		-1,015	-1,667	20,226

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

# INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m

Month	Total			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (b) '000	
	Current prices			Average 1979-80 prices		Trend		Seas.		Seas.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87 —											
May	4,788	4,741	4,840			1,525	1,543	552	549	29.3	28.6
June	4,583	4,861	4,886	8,134	8,363	1,474	1,543	520	554	32.6	30.3
1987-88 —											
July	4,912	5,029	4,934			1,544	1,544	557	557	32.6	30.0
August	4,676	4,970	4,978			1,514	1,549	463	559	29.1	29.1
September	4,833	5,009	5,011	8,246	8,563	1,515	1,556	520	561	34.0	32.3
October	5,123	5,025	5,036			1,611	1,566	545	564	31.8	31.9
November	5,091	5,051	5,059			1,562	1,576	577	569	29.0	30.7
December	7,012	5,095	5,077	9,729	8,574	1,874	1,587	1,136	573	37.0	35.6
January	4,802	5,078	5,098			1,549	1,597	486	576	24.9	30.2
February	4,658	5,097	5,121			1,530	1,607	422	576	28.8	30.3
March	5,134	5,250	5,148	8,092	8,569	1,677	1,617	524	575	35.0	30.4
April	4,947	5,119	5,179			1,606	1,625	555	577	29.7	33.7
May	5,099	5,084	5,212			1,578	1,631	575	580	35.5	33.8
June	5,083	5,401	5,245	8,204	8,440	1,593	1,635	562	584	36.8	33.5
1988-89 —											
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p32.9	p32.7

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

# WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)	Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adult persons June 1985 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females				All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1986-87 -														
April				109.6										
May	450.90	298.90	436.20	109.6	1.23	167.2	157.9	157.8	169.4	165.6	178.4	189.7	162.0	146.0
June				109.6										
1987-88 -														
July				109.7										
August	457.00	302.30	444.20	109.7	1.22									
September				110.2		170.0	160.2	159.1	172.3	168.8	181.9	192.6	163.7	148.7
October				110.6										
November	470.00	306.50	450.10	110.7	1.46									
December				111.7		172.9	162.2	163.8	174.4	171.4	186.7	195.9	168.4	149.5
January				111.8										
February	474.90	315.30	458.80	113.8	1.34									
March				n.y.a.		176.0	165.0	163.9	177.2	173.4	188.6	199.8	176.2	155.3
April				n.y.a.										
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1.38									
June				n.y.a.		179.0	170.4	170.1	180.8	176.1	188.2	203.0	179.2	156.9

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

## BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approval \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price index(a)		Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m			
										Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-87 -															
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.2	9.5	240.7					107.9	184.8				
May	1,429.5	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					108.0	185.2				
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	4,433.4	4,365.3	27.8	27.8	108.4	186.9	1,781	1,785	3,892	3,590
1987-88 -															
July	1,603.6	1,557.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					108.9	187.7				
August	1,846.7	1,738.0	10.5	10.4	181.2					109.8	188.9				
September	1,615.2	1,613.6	11.6	11.0	226.4	4,844.3	4,596.8	31.0	29.4	110.2	189.8	1,951	1,950	3,461	3,504
October	1,818.7	1,786.7	12.1	11.5	228.0					110.8	191.7				
November	1,778.4	1,652.6	12.6	12.2	167.9					112.0	194.3				
December	1,727.1	1,715.1	11.8	11.9	262.8	5,061.0	5,015.1	33.4	32.6	112.9	196.2	2,399	2,096	4,091	3,884
January	1,462.0	1,971.7	10.2	13.7	170.3					113.6	198.5				
February	1,919.4	2,139.6	12.8	13.4	256.3					114.7	199.4				
March	1,825.1	1,850.8	14.5	13.0	209.2	5,352.4	5,796.6	33.2	35.8	116.1	200.9	1,743	2,051	3,424	3,946
April	1,878.6	2,027.9	12.6	13.9	212.1					117.4	202.6				
May	2,562.3	2,356.8	15.3	13.9	457.2					118.8	204.8				
June	2,182.2	1,970.4	16.0	14.9	255.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	119.7	206.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

# FINANCE

Month							Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	Savings banks — depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m						
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1986-87 —											
May	50,607	50,984	46,411	46,469	46,093	45,723	844	169	73	13.25	7,400
June	52,481	52,260	46,207	46,352	45,773	45,880	859	192	69	13.00	7,687
1987-88 —											
July	53,640	53,398	46,598	46,881	46,183	45,949	1,004	191	76	12.85	5,929
August	54,244	53,865	45,902	46,674	45,794	46,009	908	217	67	12.60	6,877
September	55,012	54,818	45,865	46,271	46,540	46,935	1,220	258	76	11.80	5,199
October	55,234	55,291	46,926	47,148	47,491	47,164	1,155	326	80	13.00	5,644
November	55,969	56,152	47,567	48,223	47,574	47,684	1,162	294	76	12.35	6,735
December	57,495	56,901	47,873	47,424	48,614	48,471	1,345	257	72	11.45	7,485
January	56,910	57,102	47,120	47,006	47,729	47,989	850	175	61	11.35	6,494
February	57,485	57,359	46,638	46,156	47,320	47,986	1,331	288	79	11.55	6,730
March	57,599	57,996	47,608	46,709	47,704	47,864	1,771	390	96	10.85	8,596
April	58,799	59,633	47,544	46,831	47,743	46,898	1,324	322	82	10.90	9,496
May	60,150	60,582	47,026	47,172	47,526	47,155	1,610	421	101.0	12.30	9,988
June	61,756	61,482	48,954	48,988	48,845	48,986	1,926	405	100	11.70	8,367
1988-89 —											
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	48,951	49,433	48,975	48,723	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.05	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
(*\$ million*)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1986-87														
March qtr	62,597	65,823	2,226	2,638	60,371	63,185	37,377	38,987	11,436	12,245	9,934	10,975	4,205	4,830
June qtr	66,694	68,791	1,739	2,733	64,955	66,058	39,165	39,798	13,352	12,526	11,685	11,344	5,861	4,918
1987-88														
September qtr	70,411	69,866	2,444	2,820	67,967	67,046	41,016	41,218	12,271	12,714	11,907	11,763	4,235	4,663
December qtr	76,891	71,700	5,038	2,992	71,853	68,708	44,484	41,884	13,276	12,810	13,414	12,747	4,685	4,608
March qtr	71,106	74,310	2,539	3,474	68,567	70,836	41,417	42,986	12,364	13,246	12,136	13,369	4,018	4,633
June qtr	73,479	76,367	2,025	3,087	71,454	73,280	43,077	43,775	14,502	13,618	14,055	13,705	5,421	4,477
AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES														
1986-87														
March qtr	54,073	56,783	2,101	2,461	51,972	54,322	31,437	32,807	10,023	10,778	8,026	8,857	3,565	4,095
June qtr	56,449	58,212	1,435	2,423	55,014	55,789	32,465	32,955	11,706	10,909	9,344	9,075	4,922	4,130
1987-88														
September qtr	57,994	58,081	1,782	2,294	56,212	55,787	33,410	33,527	10,394	10,836	9,384	9,273	3,498	3,851
December qtr	63,335	58,654	4,340	2,387	58,995	56,267	35,644	33,623	11,289	10,857	10,425	9,904	3,793	3,731
March qtr	56,609	59,020	1,828	2,507	54,781	56,513	32,637	33,895	10,292	11,081	9,318	10,271	3,176	3,664
June qtr	57,433	59,469	1,448	2,203	55,985	57,266	33,386	33,886	12,077	11,263	10,550	10,268	4,241	3,496
AT CURRENT PRICES <i>continued</i>														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				
1986-87														
March qtr	11,414	12,054	10,438	10,844	31,587	33,246	8,488	9,187	14,826	15,950	31,574	50,174	10,865	39,309
June qtr	11,830	11,935	11,107	10,889	34,570	34,293	9,398	9,826	14,722	16,851	34,566	56,274	15,885	40,389
1987-88														
September qtr	12,614	11,969	10,901	11,066	35,035	35,039	10,036	9,693	17,377	16,831	35,038	55,823	9,693	46,130
December qtr	13,179	13,051	12,376	12,113	37,262	35,835	11,349	10,443	19,809	16,869	37,244	61,641	10,999	50,642
March qtr	13,063	13,823	12,868	13,299	35,886	36,819	9,950	10,780	16,574	18,289	35,866	55,943	12,003	43,940
June qtr	12,865	12,975	12,592	12,375	37,374	37,683	11,058	11,575	16,238	18,450	37,359	59,842	15,878	43,964

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY  
OF JOB  
VACANCIES  
(b)**

**LABOUR FORCE(a)**

Month	Employed ('000 persons)				Unemployed ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate (per cent)		Participation rate (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total	Seas. adj.	Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1987													
May	5,680.2	5,696.5	7,084.0	7,077.1	530.6	532.3	635.0	636.1	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0	53.8
June	5,690.8	5,719.1	7,111.2	7,114.1	506.2	519.8	603.6	621.3	7.8	8.0	61.9	62.1	
July	5,771.9	5,760.7	7,157.8	7,145.3	510.9	528.7	610.2	636.6	7.9	8.2	62.2	62.3	56.2
August	5,656.3	5,716.0	7,073.2	7,136.3	495.4	509.2	601.9	626.4	7.8	8.1	61.4	62.1	
September	5,734.4	5,720.8	7,165.8	7,129.3	489.6	501.8	598.2	603.6	7.7	7.8	62.0	61.8	
October	5,751.0	5,755.7	7,156.1	7,145.2	475.6	514.6	585.2	632.2	7.6	8.1	61.7	62.0	
November	5,705.6	5,708.7	7,159.9	7,125.3	469.6	508.7	566.5	617.9	7.3	8.0	61.5	61.6	52.2
December	5,872.2	5,794.4	7,307.9	7,218.8	506.7	501.6	619.6	611.8	7.8	7.8	63.0	62.2	
1988													
January	5,825.0	5,832.3	7,145.3	7,296.0	541.9	499.6	645.2	614.1	8.3	7.8	61.8	62.8	
February	5,845.6	5,833.6	7,219.1	7,261.7	519.8	466.6	642.8	583.7	8.2	7.4	62.3	62.2	61.8
March	5,884.5	5,859.2	7,366.1	7,310.8	493.0	467.5	642.3	588.3	8.0	7.4	63.3	62.5	
April	5,874.6	5,891.9	7,353.5	7,342.4	491.4	490.1	642.8	628.5	8.0	7.9	63.1	62.9	
May	5,854.3	5,871.6	7,326.1	7,318.7	468.6	469.6	591.9	592.5	7.5	7.5	62.4	62.3	58.5
June	5,862.9	5,892.7	7,351.6	7,354.5	459.3	471.2	568.5	584.8	7.2	7.4	62.3	62.5	
1988-89													
July	5,913.4	5,902.0	7,357.7	7,345.0	432.2	446.2	519.3	540.6	6.6	6.9	61.8	61.9	n.y.a.

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)**  
( '000 persons)

Month	Australia													Total Govt. and Private
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Government			Total	
										Commonwealth	State(b)	Local		
1987 -														
January	1,917.5	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,870.2	440.2	1,085.2	152.0	1,677.4	5,547.4
February	1,953.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.8	55.1	120.8	3,939.4	441.0	1,118.6	154.8	1,714.4	5,653.8
March	1,960.7	1,579.7	808.9	477.2	524.3	152.4	54.7	121.6	3,940.6	447.4	1,141.6	155.1	1,739.1	5,679.6
April	1,979.8	1,589.5	817.6	479.3	522.5	154.7	55.4	122.1	3,979.1	441.7	1,146.6	153.6	1,741.9	5,720.9
May	1,989.6	1,604.0	822.4	480.0	525.1	155.5	56.0	123.4	4,003.8	442.1	1,155.3	155.3	1,752.7	5,756.4
June	1,991.7	1,596.7	822.2	480.2	525.3	154.2	56.8	122.7	3,989.7	442.5	1,161.2	156.6	1,760.3	5,749.9
July	2,002.3	1,626.9	821.2	487.5	524.5	153.4	55.4	121.6	4,002.4	502.4	1,133.1	154.9	1,790.4	5,792.8
August	2,002.6	1,619.4	818.0	485.9	524.0	152.2	55.0	122.2	4,034.1	436.5	1,152.1	156.7	1,745.3	5,779.4
September	2,009.0	1,623.3	819.3	485.8	523.0	151.3	54.7	122.3	4,039.8	433.4	1,158.5	157.0	1,748.9	5,788.7
October	2,035.0	1,629.1	835.2	482.4	521.4	150.4	52.3	123.2	4,089.7	432.1	1,150.6	156.5	1,739.2	5,829.0
November	2,059.7	1,639.7	843.2	487.4	528.1	151.5	52.5	125.3	4,145.9	432.2	1,152.2	157.2	1,741.5	5,887.4
December	2,065.8	1,649.2	838.8	487.4	529.1	153.1	51.4	125.0	4,161.0	432.6	1,140.0	157.9	1,730.5	5,891.6
1988 -														
January	2,042.1	1,610.9	806.8	486.2	506.4	148.0	50.3	121.4	4,102.0	428.5	1,087.3	154.2	1,670.0	5,772.1
February	2,090.0	1,642.5	818.8	494.6	518.7	149.6	49.8	125.1	4,182.5	432.1	1,118.3	156.2	1,706.7	5,889.2
March	2,093.7	1,656.1	828.7	497.7	524.7	150.6	50.7	126.2	4,198.2	432.8	1,141.1	156.2	1,730.0	5,928.3

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers are collected. For further details see Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia (6248.0) and Information Paper: New Statistical Series. Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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